THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The information in being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Violation of Human Rights by Armed Forces

3838. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army personnel who have been punished in connection with Human Rights violation in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) whether any compensation have been given to the families of the victims?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The following number of army personnel have been punished in J&K in the last 3 years for human rights violation cases:—

Year	OfTicers	JCOs	ORs	ToUl
1995	2	1	4	7
1996	4	—	2	6
1997	—	—	4	4
1998	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	6	1	10	17

(c) No compensation has been paid to the victims in these cases.

Private sector participation in strategic sector

3839. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Gov-crnment-industry-defence cooperation envisaged" in the Statesman, dated 19th June, 1998;

(b) if so, whether Government are opting for private sector participation in strategic sector also;

(c) whether Government have taken into consideration idle capacity of Defence and non-Defence PSUs (including the sick industries) before going for private sector participation;

(d) if so, the details of the study conducted in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In order to explore the possibilities of involving private sector in some identified areas of defence production. Defence Minister held interactive discussions with representatives of industry at a section of the Confederation of Indian Industry on 18-6-1998. The focus of these deliberations was aimed at evolving a long term plan of effective Government-industry participation in building a strong, versatile, and self-reliant indigenous defence production base.

While civil industry is already involved in providing inputs to the defence establishments producing defence wares, there is need to elevate the linkages commensurate with the capacities, capabilities and expertise that exists in the private and public sectors of domestic civil industry.

As per the decision taken in the meeting, Government has already set up six Joint Task Forces between the Industry and the Ministry of Defence in furtherance of the objective of expanding Government-industry participation.

Nuclear capability of India and Pakistan

3840. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the 'Hindustan T^imes' dated 6th July, 1998, captioned "India-Pak do not have